

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the paragraph at page 6, lines 15-19 in the following manner:

The recording layer 3 was formed from AgInSbTe as the phase change material. The atomic composition of this material was set to values in the range as follows when expressed with ~~Ag_αIn_βSb_γTe_δ~~ Ag_αIn_βSb_γTe_δ. Where α, β, γ, and δ represent atomic percent and satisfy the relations:

Please amend the paragraph at page 16, lines 4-8 in the following manner:

When the recording layer 3 is formed from AgInSbTe, respective ranges as follows are preferable when each composition ratio of the component elements are expressed with ~~Ag_αIn_βSb_γTe_δ~~ Ag_αIn_βSb_γTe_δ. Here, α, β, γ, and δ represent atomic percent and satisfy the relations: